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An Airman marshalls out a C-130 on its way to Fort Campbell, Ky., in an attempt to avoid Tropical Storm Bonnie. See Page 10 for hurricane preparations across Hurlburt Field.



Photo by Airman Ali Flisek

New dining facility makes 'waves' at Hurlburt Field

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

The Riptide Dining and Fitness Center opened its doors for business after a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday.

The facility, which had been under construction since March 2003, was created to accommodate the growth on the east side of base and the additional missions projected to be added over the next several years, said Capt. John Cronin, 16th Services Squadron flight chief.

"Hurlburt Field is leading the edge in quality of life," Lt. Col. Chris Wright, 16th SVS commander said. "(The facility) is the latest and greatest in the Air Force – the first of its kind in the Department of Defense."

Stepping forward to also say a few words was Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, who emphasized the convenience of the facility for first-term Airmen on base.

"This is what it means to be combat-capable," Colonel Mannon said. "Some Airmen arrive without cars, so they can't access the other side of base easily. This facility is for them, and (the leadership) is anxious to see what they think."

After cutting the ribbon that stretched across its entrance, the

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Moody AFB brings mission to Hurlburt Field

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

With the possibility of Hurricane Charley heading its way, Moody Air Force Base, Ga., sent aircraft to Hurlburt Field Aug. 13.

HH-60G Pave Hawks and HC-130P Kings arrived at Hurlburt Field that afternoon accompanied by approximately 90 Airmen, who included aircrew members, maintenance personnel and other support personnel.

"The evacuation had minimal, if any, impact on the 347th Rescue Wing's mission," said Staff Sgt. Travis Tiernan, 347th RQW public affairs.

"In fact, that's why the decision was made to hurevac as opposed to keeping the aircraft in the hangars. By operating out of Hurlburt Field, we were able to continue to provide needed combat search and rescue coverage," he said.

While Hurlburt Field's mission wasn't inhibited by

the arrival of Moody aircraft and personnel, actions were taken to provide needed services to the new arrivals during their stay.

The aircraft arrival initiated responses from squadrons all over base.

Some of those squadrons included: the 16th Services Squadron, who handled the lodging for the Moody personnel; the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, who provided vehicles, fuel support to aircraft and air terminal operations support; and the airfield manager had to coordinate space on the ramp, taking into account operations at Hurlburt Field, hot cargo considerations, etc.

The 16th Special Operations Wing battlestaff engaged with Moody's for command and control, said Capt. Bill Johnston, 16th LRS.

Moody's aircraft departed Hurlburt Field Aug. 14, after Hurricane Charley changed its direction striking the eastern United States destroying hundreds of homes and killing dozens of people in its wake.

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Weekend forecast

Friday – Scattered storms, High 88 Low 74

Saturday – Scattered storms, High 86 Low 72

Sunday – Scattered storms, High 86 Low 70

www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/weather/5day



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The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community.

I really appreciate your feedback.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the

COMMANDO. I'll answer the others by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process.

However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Col. O.G. Mannon

Consideration for bicyclists

Comment: I have concerns regarding the safety of bikers, walkers and emergency vehicles near the back gate on Freedom Way. About seven months ago, I decided to walk to the gym from my residence located near the back gate. I was almost hit three times by speeding vehicles or people who were not paying attention to the road.

Later, I decided to ride my bike on that same road and was almost hit by a car traveling in the same lane. My question is: why don't we have an emergency or biker's lane? This will alleviate all the above issues. I love riding my bike to work, but since that close call, I'm too afraid to do so. Please look into this matter. Walkers, bike riders and emergency individuals would be so grateful for the change on Freedom Way.

Response: Thanks for the comments – many have shared your concerns on biking along Freedom Way to the new back gate. There are three main issues that make creating a bike lane

in this area problematic: First, the new road runs through federally regulated wetlands. To gain a permit to build the existing road through those wetlands, we had to design the road to disturb as little of that land as possible. That's why the road drops off as sharply it does, leaving no room for a path or extended shoulder. The second involves cost. Contracting a separate bike lane or extended lane is cost prohibitive at this time.

Much of Freedom Way actually lies off base and is privately owned and zoned for commercial development. As those parcels are developed, we'll encourage inclusion of paths. Keep in mind, private owners face the same challenges we do in trying to do so. We wish there was a better answer, but it just isn't possible to include paths at this time.

In the meantime, if you decide to ride your bike along Freedom Way, please be careful. I've asked our security forces personnel to closely monitor this situation and strictly enforce posted speed limits to ensure the safety of all commuters. To those who drive along that road, please pay close attention to those sharing the road with you.

Preparation key for successful deployment

By Col. Greg Augst
66th Air Base Wing

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. – As you read this, some of your fellow Airmen are 6,000 miles from home defending our country on the front lines. Do you think they were prepared to go when they left?

Many people have deployed or are preparing to deploy to serve the Air Force around the globe as part of air and space expeditionary forces. No matter where we're stationed or what we do, deployments are a necessary way of life for Airmen.

We all know it's possible to deploy to remote locations on short notice, but are you ready if you're called today? As Airmen, we're required to be prepared to go to any place at any time. Deployments are a part of our lives, and now, they're more important than ever. We're defending freedom around the globe, and we're called to support our fellow Airmen when our turn comes to replace them overseas.

Preparation is the key to having a successful deployment. Ensure that you and your family are ready for deployments. There's a lot of necessary training that you must complete before deploying to ensure you're effectively prepared for operations

away from home station.

Annual physicals guarantee that you're in the best possible condition before you deploy. Living and working in environments with poor sanitation, temperature variations and remote medical care requires Airmen to be physically prepared to handle adverse situations.

Combat arms training on an M-9 pistol or an M-16 rifle is essential, when Airmen deploy to locations where they'll need to know how to safely operate a weapon. Just because you aren't in the security forces, doesn't mean you won't be responsible for a weapon in a deployed location.

Mobility bags are a must for Airmen who deploy because austere locations don't come with a base exchange to replenish supplies. The lists of required equipment was compiled by many people who deploy regularly and know what items would be needed.

Think through what your deployment will mean for your family, and how it'll affect your finances while you're away. Get to know the family support center staff – they're experts in personal and family readiness. They have resources to make your deployment easier; from calling cards to car care for a spouse. The center's staff can also help you plan for the

financial aspects of deployments. The bills won't stop just because you're deployed, so make sure you have a plan and the means of covering expenses, checkbooks and credit cards.

The experienced FSC staff has spent time putting together great packets of information and advice on how to prepare yourself and your family when you deploy. Things like yard maintenance, pet care and bills must be resolved before you deploy – you can't be worrying about what's going on at home when you've got an important job to do.

The legal office staff will also ensure you're fully prepared for personal contingencies when you deploy. Be proactive; use their resources to draft wills and powers of attorney before a deployment.

Life insurance and personal data forms are more important than ever while deployed. Take care of your loved ones and update these forms regularly. Significant life changes occur frequently, and we must update these important repositories of information to ensure correct data is reflected.

Now is the time for each of us to assess our readiness. Waiting until you're tapped for a deployment is too late – prepare now. **(AFPN)**

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DUI Tracker

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DUIs for 2003: 54

Last DUI: 16th Security Forces Squadron, Aug. 15

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As of Feb. 15, individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of Aug. 19.

Congratulations to the 16th MDG and 16th SOW staff agencies for more than 120 days without receiving a DUI.



NATO competition meshes branches, countries

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

An officer from Hurlburt Field joined 20 NATO and guest countries in a military skills competition in Neustadt, Austria, July 24-30.

Capt. Brian Chandler, 16th Operations Support Squadron, overcame high physical standards, and cultural and language barriers to join the United States team in the annual NATO Military Pentathlon.

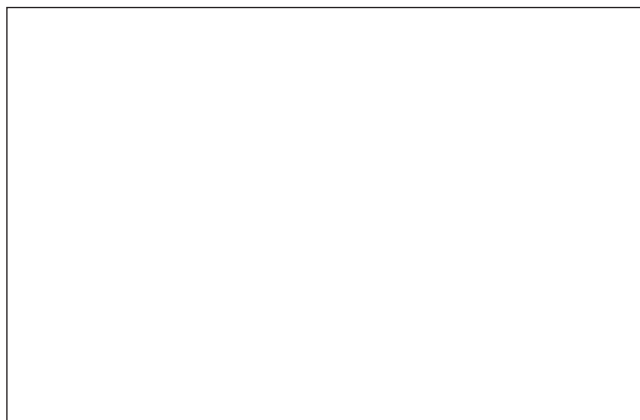
According to Captain Chandler, prior to the four-week U.S. team trials in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he had to go through rigorous personal training in order to meet the high physical and mental standards necessary for the competition.

"I needed to be in peak physical and, almost more importantly, mental conditions in a number of disciplines such as long- and short-distance running, swimming and flexibility," he said. "Training before the trials was intense and took a great deal of discipline."

Upon qualifying, Captain Chandler was placed on one of the U.S. international teams. The United States also brought three men's teams, one female team and alternates for the three international teams, who were used as replacements in case of injury.

Once all 56 teams arrived in Austria, the 168 participants were combined as joint service/country teams. Each team was given two days to learn about each other, gel as a team and prepare for the competition, Captain Chandler said as he was joined with German and British teammates.

The NATO Military Pentathlon is designed to provide effective professional development and peak performance training in leadership and military



Courtesy photo

Capt. Brian Chandler, 16th Operations Support Squadron, maneuvers through an obstacle course during the NATO Military Pentathlon in Austria held in July.

skills. It's the only joint/NATO officer professional development program available to junior grade officers in the entire U.S. military.

The pentathlon consists of five events: rifle and pistol marksmanship, land and water obstacle courses, and a 10 to 15-kilometer orienteering course. This year's rugged orienteering course included challenges, such as rappelling down a 100-foot cliff, canoeing across a 300-yard lake and throwing hand grenades. The course ended in a remote park designed to resemble an old west town. In addition, competitors received training in advanced land navigation, peak performance principles, diet and nutrition, combat first aid and Law of Armed Conflict, Captain Chandler said.

After a grueling five days, the results were in for each category: Captain Chandler's international team took first place in the pentathlon and combat first aid competition; the U.S. women's team took first place in the pentathlon and third in the combat first aid competi-

tion; the veteran men's team took third place in the pentathlon and second in the combat first aid competition; and the United States placed first overall in the combat first aid competition.

"Our ability to overcome cultural and social challenges was critical to our success," Captain Chandler said.

"In addition, melding the three different strategies that our countries use in the competition to develop our own combined strategy simulated what an officer might expect in a joint or coalition operation."

Captain Chandler said a great deal of time was spent communicating between the countries that combined with professional poise and superior marksmanship making the program a valuable asset for NATO operations.

As an Airman, Captain Chandler said the most fundamentally sound skill he acquired from the program was instruction and application of peak performance.

"Peak performance isn't just about athletics," he said, "it's about everything you do in life. I truly feel, I'm better equipped to be successful in every area of life as a result of my experience in this program."

The experience gained from this program is invaluable for Air Force Special Operations Command officers, as they plan and conduct operations with other services and countries," Captain Chandler said. "These skills can be brought back and applied at the local unit and in a deployed environment."

Spotlight on...

Staff Sgt.

Robert Nugent

Duty Title: Aerospace Propulsion Craftsman

Organization: 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron

Hometown: Lebanon, N.H.

Hobbies: Photography and playing golf

Contribution to the mission: As a seven-level engine mechanic for 15 assigned MH-53 PAVE LOW aircraft, Sergeant Nugent provides upgrade training and mentoring to four junior propulsion specialists.

Sergeant Nugent integrated an engine performance tracking sheet into a computer database, streamlining engine performance history data. His system knowledge was instrumental in the execution of more than 400 combat flying hours. As the deployed flight line specialist expeditor, he's responsible for 15 specialists while coordinating maintenance on four MH-53 helicopters. He is a key player in the on-time generation of Special Operations helicopters.

(Editor's Note: The Commando highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

National 'KidsDay' celebration draws hundreds

By Karen DeCarlo
16th Services Squadron

The temperature outside was steaming, but that didn't stop more 1,300 people from enjoying the National "KidsDay" celebration held recently at the Northwest Fairgrounds in Fort Walton Beach.

The annual event drew the largest crowd ever locally.

"It was a great success, said Zollie Ford, 16th Services Squadron. "Participation really doubled from last year."

The event was hosted by the Hurlburt Field Youth Center, in conjunction with the Eglin Air Force Base Youth Center, the Boys and Girls Club of Fort Walton and the Emerald Coast Boys & Girls Club.

Along with ice cream, organizers also offered free hot dogs and pizza to event goers throughout the day. Children also enjoyed the moon bounce, educational exhibits, a step show by Choctaw teens, and arts and craft projects, which included anything from making silly putty with Hurlburt Field's Child Development Center staff to building a birdhouse with Home Depot representatives.

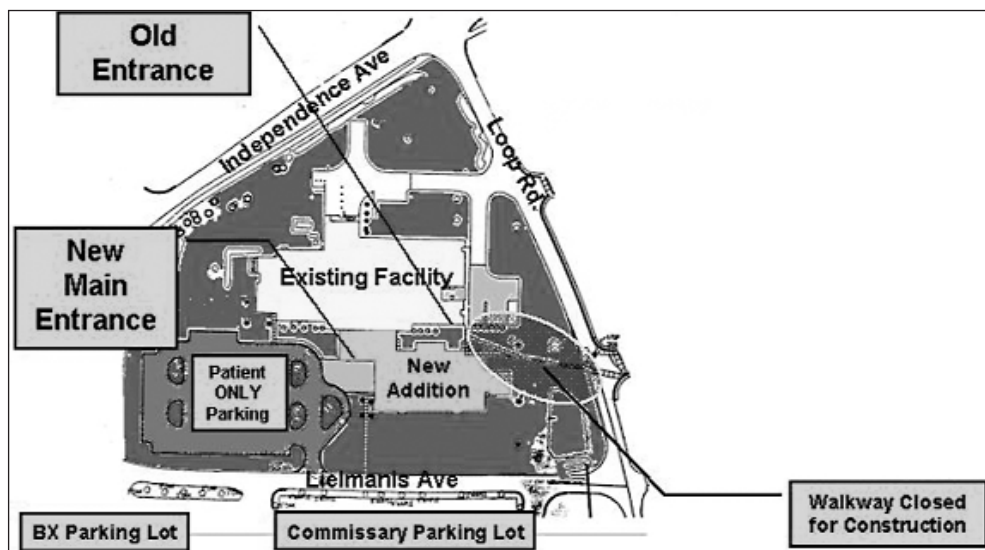


Photo by Zollie Ford

Children work at a Home Depot crafts booth, with the help of parents at the National "KidsDay" celebration. The event boasts a family-friendly environment.

More than 350 children also received free school supplies valued at approximately \$1,200 altogether.

"The event allowed youth to spend quality time with their families in a safe, friendly environment," Mr. Ford said.



Courtesy image

NOTE:

Patient parking at the 16th Medical Group clinic is now located in front of the new clinic building, across the street from the commissary/base exchange parking lot. In the event that the parking lot is full, additional parking is available in the commissary/BX lot.

News Briefs

Airmen reminded of fund-raising regulations

The upcoming kickoff of the Combined Federal Campaign serves as a reminder about ethics regulations on fund raising and solicitation in the workplace.

Only the Air Force Assistance Fund and the CFC are officially endorsed workplace fund-raising events.

Fund raising or soliciting conducted in a purely personal capacity is permitted if:

- It's conducted away from the government workplace
- It occurs exclusively outside the purview of your official position

Whether raising funds or soliciting goods for private organizations (athletic clubs, civic groups, etc.) or for unofficial activities of your Department of Defense organization (banquets, picnics, etc.), Airmen may not:

- Solicit DOD contractors
- Solicit subordinates
- Use official titles, positions or organization names
- Use government resources such as time, materials or subordinates
- Conduct fund-raisers in uniform

New curriculum to include captivity training

The Department of Defense, through the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, is developing a new 'core captivity curriculum,' designed to update training for military people whose jobs put them at the highest risk of being captured.

The services are working on the curriculum jointly for incorporation into their survival schools. If validated, key concepts are likely to be introduced into training for all military people, beginning with initial military training.

The new curriculum, expected to be completed this summer, addresses:

- The asymmetric battlefield, one without clear-cut front lines or clear distinctions between friend and foe
- Peacekeeping, humanitarian and other non-combat missions today's military carries out

As the battlefield has changed, traditional notions about who's most likely to be captured and who's likely to capture them have changed, too. Service people are as likely to be taken hostage by a splinter group, as they are to be taken as a Prisoner of War by an enemy army.

And everyone is at high risk of capture regardless of specialty in a situation like Iraq. In the first days of the war, it wasn't combat troops, but combat-support soldiers, who became the first U.S. POWs.

Air Force seeks career enlisted aviators

WASHINGTON – Opportunities for Airmen to become enlisted aviators are taking off as nine aircrew specialties are opening up for retraining.

The Air Force's senior enlisted aviator said more than 360 training slots are available for enlisted Airmen in ranks senior airman through master sergeant.

Chief Master Sgt. Tim Steffen, enlisted aviator career field manager, said the service has been aggressively recruiting enlisted fliers through several avenues, including notices on monthly leave and earnings statements and "head hunters."

First-term Airmen assigned to units within the continental United States may not apply before the first duty day of the month, in which they complete 35 months of their enlistment (59 months for six-year enlistees).

They must apply before the last duty day of the 43rd month of the enlistment (67 months for six-year enlistees).

Airmen stationed overseas may apply between the ninth and 15th month before the date they're eligible to return, providing they'll enter the 35th month of service (59th for six-year enlistees) on or before their return date.

Many of the retraining slots became available with the release of the fiscal 2005 NCO retraining program, the chief said.

"Flying duties are incredibly challenging and extremely rewarding," he said. "Along with the chance to fly all over the world, another great reason for becoming a CEA is the incentive pay."

CEAs are entitled to a monthly incentive pay based on the num-

ber of years of aviation service – not rank. Specifically, Airmen with four years or less of aviation service receive \$150 per month; Airmen with more than four years earn an extra \$225; those with more than eight years earn \$350; and Airmen with more than 14 years of aviation service collect \$400.

Positions are available for: inflight refueling specialists, flight engineers, loadmasters, airborne communications and electronics specialists, airborne battle management systems specialists, airborne mission systems specialists, flight attendants, aerial gunners and airborne cryptologic linguists.

For more information, visit the dot-mil restricted CEA Web site at <https://www.xo.hq.af.mil/xoo/xoot/xoota/CEA/cea.htm>. (AFPN)

AF taking applications for overseas study

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force is offering the opportunity for three officers to study overseas for two years through the Olmsted Scholar Program; those selected will begin study for the 2005-2006 school year.

The program provides participants with an in-depth understanding of a foreign language and culture, so they'll be knowledgeable and sensitive to the viewpoints and concerns of people around the world, as they progress within their Air Force career.

The program involves cultural immersion by an officer and their family (if applicable), as well as study at a university in the native language. Officials are selecting officers with demonstrated leadership and scholastic abilities.

Applicants must be a regular or Reserve line officer on active-duty with between three and 11 years of commissioned service and no more than 11

years total service by April 1, 2005.

Officers must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale for their undergraduate degree. They must have achieved at least a 550 on each portion (verbal and quantitative) on the Graduate Record Examination. Finally, they must have scored at least a 110 on the Defense Language Aptitude Battery.

All applications must arrive here by Oct. 15. Applicants should send completed applications to the following address:

HQ AFPC/DPAPE
550 C Street West, Suite 32
Randolph Air Force Base, TX 78150-4734

For more information, visit the local military personnel flight or the Officer Developmental Education Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/0-Olmsted.htm>.

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Riptide facility was opened for business. Attendees were given the opportunity to explore the fitness area on the second floor or enjoy a Riptide lunch on the first floor.

Inside the food service area are three separate food selection lines and a salad bar island, which includes ready-made deli sandwiches and salads and a large selection of fruit.

Airmen also have the option of purchasing desserts from a display case at the checkout lines.

Traveling to the second floor, which can be accessed by elevator or stairs, Airmen have the option of choosing from a large selection of exercise equipment, an aerobics room or enjoying a cool fruit drink from the smoothie bar.

The floors in the exercise room and the aerobics room are soft to prevent stress on the knees. There are also headphones available for use allowing guests to listen to the televisions that are stationed on the walls.

"This is a tremendous day for Hurlburt Field," Colonel Wright said. "It's a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility."

Photo by Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis

Senior Airmen Everette Vaughn and Earl Blackmon, (left to right) both from 823rd REDHORSE Squadron, choose their lunch at the Riptide Dining and Fitness Center. Airmen Vaughn and Blackmon were the first customers at the facility Monday.



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Contact center keeps customers number one

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — “This is the best program for answering questions. I always find out exactly what I need, and the 24-hour access is great since I’m stationed in Japan.”

Comments such as the above submitted by an Airman during a customer satisfaction survey point to the favorable response for the Air Force Personnel Contact Center here.

Staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week (except for Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day), the Contact Center staff answers questions from hundreds of people a day from around the world. They respond via the telephone, e-mail or interactive Web-based chat sessions to meet the varied communications requirements of their customers.

“Customers, especially those overseas, enjoy the interactive chat function as an alternative to inconvenient international calls,” said Jackie Holland, contact center task manager. “We also receive favorable responses from shift workers who appreciate getting answers to their questions at a time convenient to them, instead of their local military personnel flights.”

Air Force Personnel Center officials see the positive customer feedback as a good indicator that using a Web-based, self-service format for personnel questions should continue to benefit customers.

“The Air Force prides itself on taking care of its own, and the contact center is proof of that,” said Lt. Col. Jacqueline Harry, contact center branch chief. “We work hard to ensure we have the right people with the proper skills and tools necessary to take care of our customers – whether they’re home-based or deployed personnel, retirees or otherwise.”

Currently, the contact center handles about 2,500 inquiries a week. With a staff of 12 people working during peak hours and four people for non-peak hours, quantity hasn’t diminished quality.

Although the center has seen significant growth in customer requests – particularly after adding support for Virtual MPF applications – it continues to maintain an average 95-percent closure or satisfactory response within 24 hours of the initial contact.

The contact center meets this customer service response through the expertise of its agents, most of who hold more than 20 years of personnel experience.

“Our staff understands the Air Force culture and personnel field, and they can adapt quickly to the many challenges and changes taking place,” said Colonel Harry. “The transition from an operation staffed entirely with active-duty members to one comprised of mostly contractors has been transparent to our customers.

“When customers contact us, they don’t know whether they’re speaking to an active-duty member, a retiree or a contractor,” Colonel Harry continued. “That speaks well for the teamwork and experience everyone brings to the table.”

As technology and change continue to reshape the Air Force, the contact center will continue to play a significant role in the distribution of personnel-related information.

“Our challenge is to maintain excellent service even as the contact center expands to take on more responsibilities currently provided by local MPFs,” said Ms. Holland.

For more information, click on the Air Force Contact Center link on the AFPC Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. To talk with a customer service agent, call DSN 665-5000, (210) 565-5000 or toll-free (800) 616-3775.

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CAP affords renewed support to country

With a much higher awareness of the need for homeland security with the potential threats that now exist, Civil Air Patrol is playing a role in homeland security and is looking for senior members to join the effort.

Robin Hunt, CAP chief of membership development, said that in the next year, CAP will be upgrading to glass cockpits, digital image transmission via satellite, hyper spectral imaging capability to enhance search and rescue and homeland security and acquiring a larger aircraft, the Gippsland GA-8 "AirVan."

CAP is perhaps best known for performing emergency services, including disaster relief, search and rescue and counter drug missions.

All CAP members participating in counter drug activities must pass Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement background screening.

CAP performs missions for several federal government agencies, including: the Departments of Defense, Justice, Transportation, Treasury and Agriculture; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Coast Guard; the Federal Aviation Administration; the Bureau of Immigration and BICE; the U.S. Forest Service; the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and state and local law enforcement.

Assets include more than 61,000 volunteers – 36,000 adult members and more than 25,000 cadet members – in more than 1,700 communities across the nation. CAP also possesses a command and control structure that reaches to the local community and supports the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center and Air Force National Security Emergency Preparedness Agency control centers.

For more information and contact numbers, retirees can access the CAP Web site at www.cap.gov.

Week in History

The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:

Aug. 15, 1957 – Gen. Nathan Twining became the first U.S. Air Force officer to serve as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Aug. 16, 1960 – Capt. Joseph Kittinger, Jr. parachuted from 102,000 feet, setting a world record.

Aug. 17, 1990 – President George Bush activated the Civil Reserve Air Fleet for the first time since it was authorized in 1952. The activation increased airlift availability for the Middle East.

Aug. 19, 1960 – Piloting a C-119, Capt. Harold Mitchell retrieved the Discoverer XIV reentry capsule in midair. This was the first successful aerial recovery of a returning space capsule.

Aug. 20, 1942 – The 12th Air Force was activated in preparation for the invasion of North Africa.



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Two Airmen from the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron transport an internal slingable unit, filled with mission-essential equipment that's to be taken to Fort Campbell, Ky.

Photo by Airman Ali Flisek



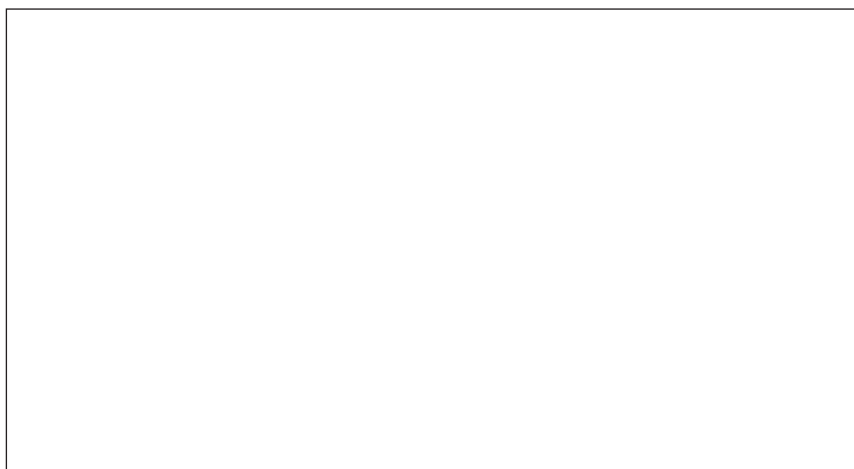
An Airman from the 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron marshalls in an MH-53 PAVE LOW into the Freedom Hangar at the 16th HMXS in an effort to protect the helo from Tropical Storm Bonnie.

Photo by Airman Ali Flisek

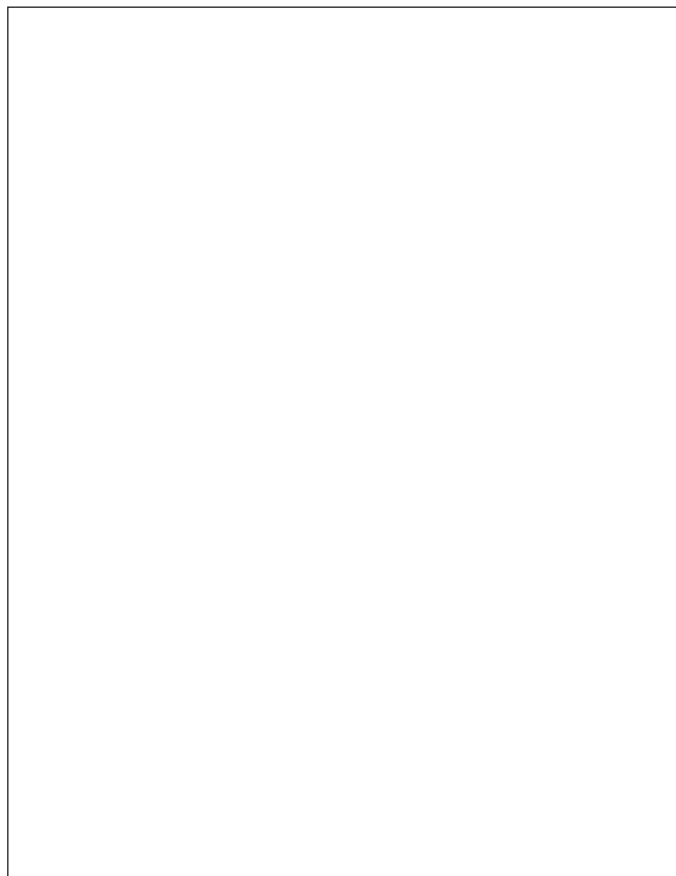
With Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charley headed to Hurlburt Field, Airmen all around base did what they needed to prepare for the storms at a moment's notice.

Whether it was securing the aircraft, filling sandbags or removing the boats from the marina, base personnel made sure they were at least two steps ahead of the incoming storms.

From hurricane condition four to HURCON one, Airmen followed their checklists to safeguard the base. Although both storms changed route and headed east, Hurlburt Field was prepared for the worst.



Lt. Col. James Marsh, commander, and Airman 1st Class Gregory Tolbert from the 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla., secure luggage, cargo and equipment bound for Fort Campbell, Ky.



The 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Senior Airman Chad Thomas and Staff Sgt. Luis Sanchez work in the dark beneath the wing of a MC-130H Gunship Aug. 10. The plane was scheduled to fly an advance echelon team from Hurlburt Field to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. due to the impending inclement weather.

Varied AF specialties serve as escorts

By Master Sgt. Debbie Aragon
407th AEG Public Affairs

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq – A tight-knit group of jet-engine mechanics, radar operators, communications specialists, medical administrators and transportation troops, to name a few, make up the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron’s force protection flight here.

With a motto of “Eyes on, Watch Your Back,” about 50 force-protection Airmen from a wide variety of Air Force specialties are on the front lines of force protection issues every day.

They escort an average of 170 third-country or local-national workers while they’re on base, said Master Sgt. Max Babbitt, force protection superintendent.

“The force protection escort is a vital piece of the defense of our base,” said 2nd Lt. James Habeck, the 407th Air Expeditionary Group’s anti-terrorism/force protection officer. “These Airmen understand all local and third-country nationals have the potential to be a threat to our installation.”

That’s tough to come to terms with since a large majority of them are simply trying to earn money to feed their families. But, that small minority may be under the influence of the insurgents in the local area.

“I’ve seen Airmen from so many different career fields, performing to such a high level in this temporary duty,” Lieutenant Habeck said. “They build rapport with (local workers), but they understand the potential danger each one could pose.”

The civilian workers “may be tasked with collecting intelligence on the base, or worse, to take part in a plot to attack us,” the lieutenant said, “but either way, our (force protection) escorts are our first line of defense against this type of activity.”

Whether they’re cleaning restrooms and showers, renovating a building, delivering concrete to a work site or pressing uniforms, all civilian workers must be escorted at all times, Sergeant Babbitt said.

The sergeant arrived here from Beale Air Force Base, Calif., expecting to be part of the utilities shop. When an opening came up in the force protection flight, he said he jumped at the opportunity.

“I volunteered to step out of my career field and get involved in the force protection side of the house,” Sergeant Babbitt said. “Now, I’m doing something I had no idea I’d be doing ... stepping out and learning a lot of the security forces kinds of jobs and how important they are. It’s real challenging, but I look forward to going to work every day.”

As the superintendent, he’s responsible for the health and welfare of all of the troops in his flight.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Craig Clapper

Senior Airman Matthew Diaz watches local-national workers while they renovate a building. Airman Diaz is one of 50 Airmen deployed to serve as an escort for the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron’s force protection flight.

“Being in the force protection flight brings awesome responsibility for our younger troops,” Sergeant Babbitt said. “For most of them, it’s their first time deployed, and they understand they’re looking out for thousands of American and coalition troops deployed here.

“I know the mission comes first, but my troops are a priority for me because I know without them, the mission won’t get done,” he said. “When my shift is over, I don’t go home until every last one of them has been released.”

Out of all of the rotations that come here, the one from June to September is probably the hardest, Sergeant Babbitt said, because of the heat and long workdays.

Airman 1st Class Caroline George, a control and warnings system radar specialist deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan, is one of the junior Airmen in the flight.

She said there’s not much you can do about the working conditions, except to drink a lot of water. Working force protection requires longer hours than most career fields, with typical 13- to 15-hour days, but that’s “cool” with her, she said.

“I have a lot of responsibility, but not in a bad way,” she said. “I feel like I’m doing good, protecting the people on the base while at the same time helping to allow the local people to work. They’ve had a very sad life, and most of them jump at the chance to be able to work.”

Airmen assigned to the force protection flight, many who rarely touch a weapon, are carrying weapons and live ammunition every day.

“I’ve seen (the Airmen) come together as a tight group who take care of one another,” Sergeant Babbitt said. “They’re also more comfortable (with carrying a weapon) but more safety conscious as well because when you carry a live weapon, you have to be very strict.” **(AFPN)**

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Community

CGOC meeting

The Hurlburt Field Company Grade Officers Council holds its monthly meeting today, 3:30 p.m. at Connie's Hooch. For more information, call 1st Lt. Thomas Keeble at 884-7618.

Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will be closed Wednesday for training and Aug. 27 in support of an official function. Normal clinic operation will be in effect until 11 a.m. For any emergency needs, utilize the Eglin Air Force Base emergency room.

Motorcycle range closure

Due to exercise activity in the Permanent Exercise Facility, the motorcycle training range won't be accessible during September. An experienced riders class is scheduled for Tuesday and will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. Motorcycle rider training will resume in October, when the exercise facility is available. Motorcycle operators are reminded *IAW AFI 91-207, military personnel will not operate a motorcycle on or off base without motorcycle safety foundation training*. For more information or to sign up for the training, call Tech. Sgt. Gary Gist at 884-2614.

Munitions storage closure

The munitions storage area will be closed Aug. 30 through Sept. 10 in order to conduct a 100 percent semi-annual inventory *IAW AFI 21-201, paragraph 21.3.1*. All munitions supply points must ensure that all request for issues, turn-in and pickups are submitted to Munitions Operations no later than noon Tuesday. Only emergency issue requests signed by the group commander *IAW AFI 21-201, paragraph 21.2.3* will be accepted during the inventory. This won't affect the flying schedule or munitions support for aircraft. For more information, call Munitions Operations at 884-2747/2004.

Child care relocation

Effective immediately, the Family Child Care office has moved from the community center/teen club, Building 90337, into a housing unit behind the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center at 4 Clark Road. The new phone number is 581-1207.

Manpower needs Airmen

The 16th Special Operations Wing Manpower and Organization Office is currently seeking motivated career senior airmen, staff sergeants and technical sergeants for cross training into the Manpower 3U0X1 career field.

The Manpower career field incorporates process improvements to the ways duties are accomplished, organizational structure, determining how many people a unit needs to do the mission and performance management. For eligibility to cross train, contact personnel employments at the military personnel flight. If eligible and interested in a rewarding career, call 1st Lt. Louis Carvin at 884-6787.

Veterans college

The Veterans Upward Bound program at Okaloosa-Walton College is now accepting new students. The program provides free services to U.S. Armed Services veterans of any age, who wish to begin college or earn a high school equivalent diploma.

It offers academic refresher courses, free tutoring, skills exploration, preparation for college placement tests, personal assistance with financial-aid forms, and career and employment counseling. Qualified applicants may also be eligible for a monthly financial aid stipend. For more information, call 729-4999.

Contract position

The Hurlburt Field Commando Support Center has an opening for a part-time contract position at the education office as the distance-learning technician. Qualifications for the position and bid package may be picked up today through Thursday at the 16th Contracting Squadron, located at 350 Tully Street, Building 90339. For more information, call Monica Wood at 884-3272.

Free child care

With the Returning Home Care Program, Airmen who are returning home from a 30 or more day deployment in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism are entitled to 16 hours of free child care per child. For more information on this program and other family child care programs, call Carol Carter or Trish Barrett at 581-1207.

SNCO induction ceremony

The Hurlburt Field Chief's Group and the Top 3 Council will co-sponsor this year's Senior NCO Induction Ceremony. The event will be held Aug. 27 at 3 p.m. at the Soundside club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Paula Jackson at 884-1233 or Senior Master Sgt. Greg Nabors at 884-4552.

Hurlburt Toastmasters

The Hurlburt Toastmasters club is having regular meetings Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in Classroom J at the education center. Toastmasters can help individuals improve and develop their speaking, listening and leadership skills. For more information, call Marty Mears at 884-9130.

Native American History Month

November is Native American History Month. The military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing, and supporting events for the observance period. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dexter Coburn 884-2631.

Volunteers needed

The family services loan closet is looking for volunteers Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The loan closet is located at the family support center. For more information, call Heather Gerlach at 884-1533.

Print correction

Last week, Airmen weren't correctly identified in the photo of the child development center cleanup as Hurlburt Field Airman's Council members. The Airmen were in fact members of Hurlburt Field's Chapter 567 of the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Order of the Sword

Air Force Special Operations Command enlisted Airmen will induct Gen. Paul Hester, former AFSOC commander, into the Order of the Sword Nov. 5 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. The general will be recognized for his contributions to the enlisted men and women of AFSOC. Tickets will go on sale for the induction ceremony, which is an enlisted-only event, Sept. 1.

Air Force TV and Radio News



To check out Air Force TV or Radio News visit: <http://af.feedroom.com> or www.af.mil/news and click on TV or radio to find out what's happening around the Air Force.

Hurlburt Field Chapel



Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September-May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise and worship)
11:30 a.m. (traditional)
12:45 p.m. (Gospel)

Religious Education: August-May

Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

For more information, call 884-7795

At the movies



Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday and Sunday - (PG-13) *Spider-Man 2*, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst - Peter's desperately trying to balance his dual identities as the web-slinging superhero Spider-Man and his life as a college student. Peter finds that his relationships with all those he holds dear are in danger of unraveling. His life-long earning for M.J. becomes even stronger as he fights the impulse to reveal his secret life and declare his love. Peter's life is about to become even more complicated as he encounters a formidable new foe Dr. Octavius.

Saturday - (PG) *Sleepover*, starring Alexa Vega and Mika Boorem - Before their freshman year in high school, Julie has a slumber party with her best friends, and they end up having the adventure of their lives. In an attempt to cast off their less-than-cool reputations, they enter into an all-night scavenger hunt against their "popular girl" rivals. Hijacking dad's car, sneaking into clubs, evading Julie's mother and even a first kiss - anything is possible at Julie's sleepover.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday and Sunday - (PG-13) *Anchorman*, starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate - When feminism marches into the newsroom in the form of ambitious newswoman Veronica Corningstone, Ron, the top-rated anchorman in San Diego, is willing to play along at first as long as Veronica stays in her place covering cat fashion shows, cooking and other "female" interests. But, when Veronica refuses to settle for being eye candy and steps behind the news desk, it's more than a battle between two perfectly coiffed anchor-persons - it's war.

Saturday - (PG-13) *King Arthur*, starring Clive Owen and Ioan Gruffudd - Arthur and his knights have served in the Roman military for 15 years, and now, have only on mission to fulfill before being granted their freedom. As the Saxons attack Britain, they must head north to rescue the last Roman officials left in a village.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

PME testing
The education office will open another testing window the following dates for Professional Military Education testing only: Wednesday, Sept. 1, Sept. 8, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29. For more information or to schedule a test, call 884-6724.

Hispanic Heritage Month
The military equal opportunity office is seeking volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting Hispanic Heritage Month events from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Meetings are Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the MEO conference room. For more information, call 1st Lt. Angel Lugo at 884-8209 or Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

Asia-Pacific course
The Joint Special Operations University invites all Special Operators to attend the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course Monday through Aug. 27. This course is designed for any military members or government civilians preparing to live in or deploy to the Asia-Pacific region. Course registration begins Monday at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Capt. Jae Sim at 884-1858 or visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/>.

Veteran's Day parade
The City of Mary Esther will host its sixth annual Veteran's Day parade Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. Its one-mile route begins in front of the mall and proceeds to a short portion of U.S. Highway 98, ending at the Target department store. There's no entry fee to participate. For registration information, call Laura Aldrich at 243-3566, extension 11.

Classes

HAWC classes
To reserve a seat in the following health and wellness center classes or for more information, call 884-4292. All classes are free of charge and held in Building 90232.
Healthy Living Workshop – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.
Lean on Me – Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
Diabetic Nutrition – Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Total Fitness Enhancement – Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.
Eating Heart Healthy – Wednesday, 3 p.m.
Diabetic Nutrition Follow-up – Thursday, 9 a.m.
Sports Nutrition – Thursday, 2 p.m.

2005 EQUAL list now online
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for April to June 2005 overseas requirements is now available.
Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-September.
EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force specialty code and rank. Members are instructed to review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list.
People can view the lists on the Air Force Personnel Center home page at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or at the military personnel flight office. Those on temporary duty during the advertising period can contact the personnel office for assistance. (AFPN)

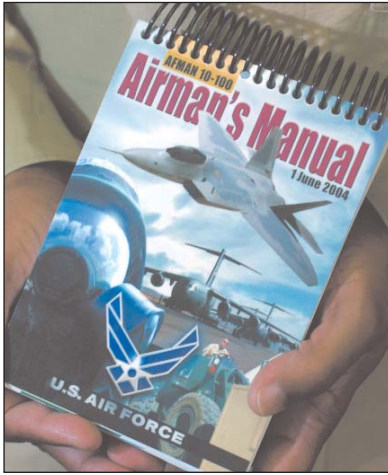


Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Manual makeover

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper has distributed the first of more than 675,000 copies of the revised Air Force Manual 10-100, Airman's Manual. The new version is weatherproof, tear-resistant and fits in the battle dress uniform's cargo pockets. It combines the old manual with *Air Force Handbook 32-4014, Volume 4, "USAF Ability to Survive and Operate Procedures in a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Environment."*

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Hurlburt Field service member represents Nigeria in Olympics

By Journalist 1st Class Craig Coleman
NAS Sigonella Public Affairs

CATANIA, Sicily – A Hurlburt Field Airman took the silver medal in the 400-meter hurdles and the bronze in the 400-meter run in December to become the first American track and field medalist

in the third Military World Games.

Omolade Akinremi's, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, first final was the 400-meter hurdles. She started slowly, building speed and passing opponents as the runners moved over the obstacles. She caught the leaders at the final turn, but could only manage a second place finish.

"My last two hurdles were horrible," Akinremi said. She estimated that the final hurdles cost her half a second. "In a race, sometimes results can be unpredictable."

Latvian Irena Zauna won the gold medal with a time of 57.35 seconds, Akinremi's silver-winning time was 58.82 and Lara Rocco of Italy won the bronze medal with a time of 58.90.

A little over an hour later, Akinremi made another attempt at winning a gold medal, but it was not to be. Feeling fatigued, she decided on a risky strategy.

"I wanted to get out of the curve before everybody," Akinremi said. "But, I also wanted to save enough energy for the last 150 meters. I didn't want to waste too much energy before the finish."

Her slow start cost her again. She was unable to make up much ground on the leader after the last turn and settled for the bronze medal with a time of 54.44. Tunisian sprinter Awatef Ben Hassine took the gold medal with a time of 54.37 and Russia's Olga Makhimova won the silver with 54.40.

Akinremi was philosophical after missing out on gold.

"Sometimes the time is what matters," Akinremi said. "You run as best you can."

Eight months later, Akinremi is among the athletes picked by the Athletics Federation of Nigeria to represent Nigeria in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens; she will compete in the women's 400-meter track event.

Courtesy Photo

Omolade Akinremi stands proud after receiving a bronze medal in the 400-meter run during the Military World Games.

Over 30 3-on-3 basketball standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Pct.
EMS -HG	2	0	1.000
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RHS	2	1	.667
CES 1	1	1	.500
CES 2	1	1	.500
25th IOS	1	1	.500
CPTS	1	1	.500
LRS 1	1	1	.500
LRS 3	1	1	.500
SFS	1	1	.500
COMM	0	1	.000
MDG	0	2	.000
AMXS	0	2	.000
AMMO	0	2	.000
LRS 2	0	3	.000

Sports Poll

What do you think the men's Olympic basketball team will leave with after such a slow start?

- ☐ Gold
 ☐ Bronze
☐ Silver
 ☐ No Medal

To place your vote or to give feedback about the weekly poll, e-mail Christopher.Jordan@hurlburt.af.mil. The results will be featured in next week's paper.

Sports shorts

Men's baseball league

The Okaloosa Men's Baseball League is kicking off with registration Aug. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Twin Oaks baseball field in Niceville for the 18 and over, and 30 and over divisions. The Twin Oaks Baseball Field is located on U.S. Highway 85 North, just north of College Boulevard. The registration process will include the collection off fees and a short baseball workout session. League fees are \$100 for each player. The final day of registration is Aug. 22 at 3 p.m.

For more information, call the league hotline at 864-7529.

Men's, women's basketball

Varsity men's and women's basketball and over 30, 3-on-3 sign-ups have begun. For more information, call Christopher Myers at 884-6884.

Soccer tryouts

Soccer season is fast approaching. Anyone interested in trying out for the Hurlburt Field soc-

cer team should call Master Sgt. Tim Gibson at 884-2522.

Start smart soccer

Registration for Start Smart Soccer, an introductory soccer program for children ages 3 to 5 years old, is scheduled for Aug. 23 to Sept. 15. The weekly session will be held Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. at the Commando Fitness Center. The first of the six weekly sessions begins with parents-only training in the health and wellness center training room the week of Sept. 20.

The subsequent five sessions will be parent and child one-on-one instruction, teaching the basic fundamentals and motor skills of soccer that will prepare children for eventual play in organized leagues. Cost is \$25 per parent-child couple. For more information, call the youth center at 884-6355.

Bowling tournament

The Family Freedom Youth/Adult Double

Tournament entry deadline is Aug. 25; walk-ins are welcome. The tournament follows a nine pin, no-tap rule and is divided into three divisions based on age: Division one – ages 8 and up; division two – ages 9 to 13; and division three – ages 14 to 18.

One adult per youth is permitted, with a \$15 entry fee per team. For more information, call Hurlburt Lanes at 884-6941.

Hockey registration

Fall league sign-ups for intramural roller hockey begins Friday and will go thru Sept. 9. Games will be played at Hurlburt Field's main rink. Pick up games will be played every Friday and Sunday until the league games start. Please bring your own gear to play.

Flag football, horseshoes

Unit flag football and horseshoes will be starting in September. Get with unit sport representatives or call Mr. Myers at 884-6884.